

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of Claims will replace all prior listings of Claims in the application.

Listing Of Claims:

1. **(Previously Presented)** An image processing apparatus comprising:

an alteration unit that alters a first image file stored in a removable storage medium in order to generate a second image file; and

a control unit that controls to store the second image file in the storage medium without deleting the first image file from the storage medium, if the first image file includes authentication data that is used to authenticate whether the first image file has been altered.

2. **(Previously Presented)** The image processing apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein the second image file is stored in the same folder as a folder in which the first image file is stored.

3. **(Previously Presented)** The image processing apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein the second image file is stored in a folder different from a folder in which the first image file is stored.

4. **(Canceled).**

5. **(Previously Presented)** The image processing apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein the alteration unit generates the second image file that does not include the authentication data, if the first image file includes the authentication data.

6. **(Canceled).**

7. **(Previously Presented)** The image processing apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein a part of a file name of the second image file is the same as a part of a file name of the first image file.

8. **(Previously Presented)** The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image processing apparatus is an image sensing device.

9. **(Previously Presented)** A method of controlling an image processing apparatus, comprising:

an alteration step of altering a first image file-stored in a removable storage medium in order to generate a second image file; and

a control step of controlling to store the second image file in the storage medium without deleting the first image file from the storage medium, if the first image file includes authentication data that is used to authenticate whether the first image file has been altered.

10. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 9, wherein the second image file is stored in the same folder as a folder in which the first image file is stored.

11. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 9, wherein the second image file is stored in a folder different from a folder in which the first image file is stored.

12. **(Canceled).**

13. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 9, wherein the second image file does not include the authentication data, if the first image file includes the authentication data.

14. **(Canceled).**

15. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 9, wherein a part of a file name of the second image file is the same as a part of a file name of the first image file.

16. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 9, wherein the image processing apparatus is an image sensing device.

17. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer-readable~~ recording medium comprising a transmission medium, a recording medium, storing a computer program for realizing by a computer the method according to claim 9.

18. (Canceled).